

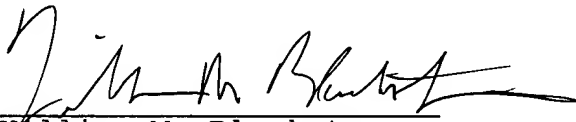
REMARKS

Claims 1 - 5 are amended, claim 6 is canceled, and claim 7 is added. Claims 1 - 5 and 7 are presented for examination.

The present amendments are made in order to correct grammatical errors and to conform the claim language to accepted U.S. PTO practice, and not for purposes of patentability under 35 USC 101, 102, 103 or 112, and no estoppel is created hereby.

It is believed that claims 1 - 5 and 7 recite a patentable improvement in the art. Favorable action is solicited. In the event any fees are required with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2334.

Respectfully submitted,



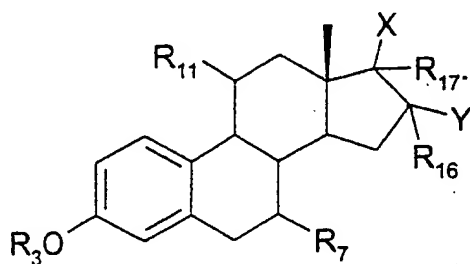
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VERSION W/MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

1. (amended) A steroid compound satisfying the following structural formula:



formula I

wherein:

one of X and Y is OH, the other being H;

R₃ is H[,] or COR'₃, with R'₃ being alkyl or aryl;

R₇, R₁₆, and R₁₇ each independently are H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl[,] or aryl; R₁₁ is a hydrocarbon group, which may be linear or branched, [provided that it comprises]

comprising one single linear chain having a length of from 5 to 9 carbon atoms as the longest chain on carbon atom no. 11 of the steroid skeleton, wherein said chain may be saturated or unsaturated.